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SUMMARY: REFUSENIK VETERAN'S GROUP FORMED. YEMEL'YANOV,
THE ANTI-SEMITIC, WRITES AGAIN. ANTI-SEMITISM REPORTEDLY
IS WORST IN WEST-CENTRAL UKRAINE. END SUMMARY.

1. VETERAN'S GROUP. EIGHT REFUSENIKS, WORLD WAR II
VETERANS, HAVE FORMED A GROUP TO TRY BY JOINT ACTION TO
OBTAIN FORWARD MOVEMENT ON THEIR EXIT VISA APPLICATIONS.
SEVEN OF THEM, ACCORDING TO OUR REFUSENIK SOURCES, WENT
TO THE MOSCOW OFFICE OF VISAS AND REGISTRATION (OVIR) ON
MAY 5 AND 6, OBVIOUSLY TIMING THEIR ACTIVITIES FOR THE
FINAL WORKING DAYS BEFORE SOVIET VICTORY DAY CELEBRATIONS.
THEIR EFFORTS TO SEE ONE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEFS OF
OVIR WERE REBUFFED.

2. YEMEL'YANOV, THE ANTI-SEMITIC. REFUSENIK ACTIVISTS
HAVE HEARD ABOUT, BUT NOT SEEN, AN ANTI-SEMITIC PAPER
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REPORTEDLY SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDIUM OF THE SUPREME
SOVIET BY VALERY YEMEL'YANOV. YEMEL'YANOV, KNOWN TO
REFUSENIKS AS A NOTORIOUS ANTI-SEMITIC, IS REPORTEDLY A
MEMBER OF THE SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES WHO SPENDS
MOST OF HIS TIME LECTURING ON THE "ZIONIST CONSPIRACY".
REFUSENIKS FOLLOW HIS ACTIVITIES AS A MATTER OF GENERAL
INTEREST. THEY DO NOT SEEM TO CONSIDER HIM TO BE IN A

POSITION TO BE DANGEROUS, BUT ARE OF COURSE ALWAYS CONCERNED ABOUT EVIDENCE OF ANTI-SEMITISM, WHICH THEY BELIEVE EASILY STIRRED UP.

3. UKRAINIAN ANTI-SEMITISM. REFUSENIK SOURCES READILY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEIR SITUATION IN MOSCOW IS NOT NEARLY AS BAD AS THAT OF THEIR COMPATRIOTS IN SMALLER TOWNS, FAR FROM THE HELPFUL GLARE OF WESTERN PUBLICITY. IN SUCH TOWNS, THEY SAY, AUTHORITIES CAN DO WHATEVER THEY CHOOSE WITH JEWS WHO APPLY FOR EXIT PERMISSION. WORST AREA, IN THEIR VIEW, IS BELT TO WEST OF KIEV, INCLUDING TOWN OF VINNITSA AND ZHITOMIR. BY CONTRAST, JEWS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR EXIT PERMISSION IN BALTIC STATES ARE OFTEN NOT TREATED TOO BADLY, FREQUENTLY EVEN KEEPING SAME JOBS WHILE CASES ARE BEING RESOLVED. AVERAGE MAN IN BALTIC STATES, THEY BELIEVE, SEES RUSSIANS AS THE ENEMY AND THEREFORE IDENTIFIED WITH JEWS WHO WANT TO LEAVE. TOON

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